well as the Union Pacific and its branches. This pill is introdeced as a substitute for the pending

The investigation into the alleged outrages in Alaska will be begun by the House committee on the merchant marine next Wednesday. Those persons making the statements on which the newspaper publications relating stories of the alleged outrages were based have been summoned to appear. Governor Swineford of Alaska, has written to the committee a letter in which he says he has lately returned from a protracted trip through the large section of the country dominated by the Alaska Commercial Company. having visited nearly all the stations of the company on the Alentian islands, on the Pribylov island and the mainland, and that nearly everywhere he found abundant evidence to prove every assertion made by him against the company in his reports to Congress and the Secretary of the Interior. The committee has subprenead him to appear before it, to give him an opportunity to substantiate his charges.

In reporting back, favorably to the House, a bill granting a pension of \$3,500 a year to the widow of General Sheridan, the committee on Invalid pensions says: "There has been decided opposition in this committee to the unusually large pensions to widows, but this report is made favorable in this case upon the ground that Congress cannot well refuse such action efter giving large pensions to others who are less meritorious.

Senator Stewart to-day introduced a bill authorizing the Secretary of War, Secretary of the Navy, and General of the Army, acting as a board, to have constructed 250 pneumatic torpedo-throwers of the highest power, capable of throwing steel torpedoes, charged with not less than 500 pounds of dynamite or other explosives, a distance of five miles. These torpedo-throwers are to be mounted in batteries for the defense of our harbors, including those of New Orleans, Galveston, San Francisco, Portland, Ore., and San Diego. The cost shall not exceed \$40,000 each, and \$10,000,000 are appropriated to carry out the provisions of the

A dispatch just received by the State Department, from the American legation at Berlin, states that the proceedings instituted some time ago by the authorities of Schleswig for the expulsion of Hans Grosbol, a naturalized American citizen, have been suspended at the instance of the legation.

The bond offerings to-day were \$66,000. There were \$30,000 four per cents. offered at 1281, and rejected; \$36,000 four-and-a-baifs were offered at prices ranging from 108 to 1081, and \$33,000 were accepted at 108 and 1081. The legislative, executive and judicial appro

priation bill was completed by the sub-com-

mittee to-day, and it is expected that the full

committee will be ready to report the bill to the House on Friday. Justice Matthews, a week or so ago, bad a recurrence of the attacks of muscular rheumatism with which he has been afflicted, but has now become somewhat better. He is very weak and gains strength slowly, but in other respects is

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gesting along fairly well.

Meeting of the Pennsylvania Trotting-Horse Breeders' Association.

PITTSBURG, Pa., Dec. 12.—The Trotting-horse Breeders' Association of Pennsylvania met here to day and arranged for a meeting in the spring, the time and date to be fixed by the executive committee. It was decided to have eleven races. Four races were arranged for one, two, three and four-year-olds, owned and bred by members. The stakes for yearlings were fixed at twentyfive dollars' entrance and \$25 added money, and for all others one hundred dollars' entrance and \$100 added. Four races for horses owned by members were also arranged for, the stakes to be the same as in the first four races; also, a race for the three-minute class, twenty-five dollars'entrance and \$50 added; a 2:30 pace under the same conditions, and a 2:40-class stallion race for \$25 entrance. It was decided to not permit the get of sires owned by the members to enter the races.

The following officers were elected, after which the meeting adjourned: N. G. Edelblute, Brookville, president: John E. DuBoise, vicepresident; H. S. Denny, Pittsburg, treasurer; A. W. Harbison, New Castle, secretary. Executive committee-W. E. Reis, New Castle; W. O. Selkregg, North East; A. D. Sutton, Indiana; B. Nulton, Kittanning; P. H. Hacke.

Turfmen and the Book-Makers.

NASHVILLE, Tenn., Dec. 12 .- At the late meeting of the Western Turf Congress, in New York (Nov. 14), a resolution was adopted to the effect that none of the sssociations belonging to the congress would permit a book-maker who is a member of any alliance or book-makers' assogiation to make a book on their tracks unless be should withdraw from the alliance or bookmakers' association. It is stated here, on the best of authority, that the Kentucky Association, at Lexington, has since leased its bookmaking privileges for the spring meeting of 1889 to the Western Book-makers' Alliance. This excites considerable comment among turfmen in this section.

The National Association.

NEW YORK, Dec. 12 -For over two hours, to day, the National Association of Trotting-horse Breeders discussed the question of abolishing tin-cup records (records against time in private), and, through the difficulty of making satisfactory demarkation, finally laid the whole matter on the table. The annual report showed that the association has 167 members. It was decided to renew the effort to get funds for a monument to the horse Hamilton, \$1.500 having already been subscribed. Among those present were W. H. Wilson, of Kentucky, and S. A. Brown, of Michigan.

Sale of Thoroughbreds.

LEXINGTON, Ky., Dec. 12.-At the horse sale here to-day seventy-six thoroughbreds passed under the hammer for \$31,110. Best prices: Esher (Imp.), br. s., five years old, by Claremont, dam Una, by Ellington or Dusk, A. Park, London, England, \$1,200; Tenant, b. c., yearhng, by Tenbroeck, dam Lida Gaines, W. H. Simmons, New York city, \$1,400; Ouvelook, ch. c., yearling, by Onondaga, dam Sunlight, dam of Sunlight, M. Young, \$1,975.

The Cabinet-Maker Still at Work.

CHICAGO, Dec. 12 .- The local press bureau tonight reports the following: Col. W. B. Crooks, of Philadelphia, was at the Grand Pacific to-day. He is a close friend of Mr. Morton, the next Vice-president, and of Wharton Barker, the leader, of Philadelphia, who aspires to be a member of General Harrison's Cabinet. Col. Crooks came West in the interest of Mr. Barker. He was at Indianapolis from Friday to Tuesday, and saw General Harrison several times. "General Harrison and I are old friends," said the Colonel, "and Wharton Backer and I are the original Harrison men of Pennsylvania. Barker contributed \$41,000 to the Republican campaign fund, and spent it in organizing Irish Harrison and Morton clubs in twenty-nine assembly districts of New York and Brooklyn. By means of those clubs 45,000 Irish Democrats were brought into the Republic-an party. Barker is a splendid financier. You know he is worth about \$15,000,000. I told General Harrison what Barker did for the party during this campaign, and that he had been doing so during all the Republican campaigns of the last twenty years. He contributed \$60,000 for Garfield's campaign and \$45, 600 for Blaine and Logan. I am almost certain that Mr. Barker will be the next Secretary of the Treasury. You need not laugh, but wait and see. I wish I could tell you something."

The Oyster War. BALTIMORE, Dec. 12 .- The piratical oysterdredgers are defiant. To-night it was reported that an attack was to be made on the police sloop Folly, which is on guard at Hackett's Point. As the other police boats are elsewhere, Governor Jackson has telegraphed Secretary Whitney, requesting the use of steam launches and Gatling guns, now at the Naval Academy at Annapolis. At half past 11 o'clock to-night Superintendent Sampson received instructions to furnish the State what assistance he could, and he at once commenced to make ready two of the launches, arming one with a howitzer and the other with a Gatling gun. Captain Howard and the crew of the disabled police steamer McLane will take charge of the launches and go at once to Hackett's Point, where the Folly is said to be surrounded by about forty dredging schooners.

A Trespasser at Gettysburg Arrested. GETTYSBURG, Pa., Dec. 12.-Captain Reed, representing the Seventy-second Pennsylvania Regiment, was to-day arrested on a capias in trespass, sworn out by the Battle-field Memorial Association, and put under \$500 bail. He had started men at work laying a foundation for the monument of the Seventy-second Regiment on the ground at the "bloody angle," where it was prohibited him by the association, and they were naturally forced to take legal proceedings. The statement is made that if every regiment was allowed to place its memorial wherever it desired there would be nothing historically correct? about marking the position of the various commands, and more monu-

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Millers Strengthening Their Organization in Order to Reduce the Output.

A Jewelry Thief's Big Haul-Scott Ray Meets with a Counter-Charge in His Contest-Thirty Damage Suits Against a Railroad.

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Terre Haute Millers Join the State Association, and Are Urged to Curtail the Output. special to the Indianapolis Journa.

TERRE HAUTE, Dec. 12 .- There was a meeting of Indiana millers here, to-day, when Terre Haute, which is the fourth flour-producing city in the United States, was taken into the association, and delegates were appointed to the Milwaukee national convention, soon to be held. Representatives of the Central association, which has its headquarters at St. Louis, were here to get this association to go into the movement to reduce the output. The purpose avowedly is to cut the output in two, until the price of wheat is reduced and the export curtailed, so that the flour, instead, can be exported. The millers say the Chicago movement in wheat has raised the price of wheat so that the flour export is next to out of the question.

Items from Crawfordsville.

Special to the Indianapolis Journal CRAWFORDSVILLE, Dec. 12 .- The new freedelivery system will be introduced in this city on Tuesday, Jan. 1, 1889. The mail carriers will be Fount Eastlock, Parker Willis, James Kennedy and E. W. Layne, all Democrats. There were sixty applications for these four appointments. They each will receive \$600 per year. Charles Montague will be the substitute. The street letter boxes will arrive this week, and will be immediately placed in position. On July 4, Jacob Elmore got drunk, went home and beat his wife. She sued E. M. Lane, a saloon-keeper, and his bondamen, for \$2,000 damages. The case was tried by a jury and

the woman was defeated. The entire wealth of Montgomery county, according to the assessor's returns, is placed at \$15,038,155, \$11,041,260 being outside of the towns. Crawfordsville is at the head of the list with \$3,103,280. Of the townships Union comes first, with \$2,686,155.

Central Indiana Poultry and Dog Show.

Special to the Indianapolis Journas RICHMOND, Dec. 12.-The third annual exhibit of poultry and dogs by the Central Indiana Society, opened in this city to-day, but entries are open until to-night, and to-morrow will be virtually the opening for spectators. P. T. Madison, secretary of the Indiana Kennel Club, is the judge on dogs; B. N. Pierce on poultry, and H. C. A. Robbins on brooders and incubators. The officers are Justus Clapp, of this city, president; Wm. Kinsley, vice-president; E. B. Johnson, recording secretary; Samuel L. Lane, secretary and general superintendent. These four gentlemen are from Shelbyville. J. M. Ross, of Liberty, is the treasurer, while James Van Dusen, of this city, is superintendent of the pigeon and pet stock department. The executive committee is composed of J. W. Elhott, T. E. Goodrich, Wm. Kinsey, G. W. Kinsey and I. K. Bowers.

Bold Theft of Jewelry and Money.

Special to the Indianapolis Journal WABASH, Dec. 12 .- A remarkably bold robbery occurred here, this morning, between 5 and 6 o'clock. The office of Doctors Smith and Blount, a portion of which is occupied by Smith French's jewelry establishment, was entered from the rear by means of a step-ladder. The burgiar deliberately helped himself to the valuables on the jewelry side, taking thirty-seven watches, several of them being very costly, and a quantity of chains and other articles, after which he ransacked the safe, which was unlocked, and secured \$135 in money. The establishment was locked as usual during the supper hour, but lights were burning and people passing on the streets. Mr. French discovered his loss shortly after 6 o'clock, and gave the alarm, and officers are now on the trail of the thief.

Damages Demanded for False Imprison-

Special to the Indianapolis Journal. GREENSBURG, Dec. 12 -- John Dunean to-day filed in the Circuit Court a suit for false imprisonment, demanding \$50,000, against William Ryan. Mr. Ryan is a merchant at Sandusky, this county, and Duncan owed him an account. Duncan had been away for some weeks, and returned having with him a gold watch. Ryan asked to see the watch and, it is alleged, having received it, refused to return it, and took it to a justice. where he began a suit for the amount due him, and had Duncan arrested by a capias. He was held by the constable seven hours until a judgment could be obtained. Duncan claims to be a resident of Marion county.

Scott Ray's Contest Case. Special to the Indianapolis Journal

GREENSBURG, Dec. 12 .- To-day was set for the hearing of the contest case of Scott Ray vs. S. J. Carpenter for Joint Senator. Carpenter filed an answer, alleging that Ray had bribed and attempted to bribe several electors in Shelby county, and by threats compelled many others in the two counties to vote for him: also, that members of the election board in three precincts in Shelby county were related to candidates voted for, and one had bet on the result. If the precinct in this county be thrown out, and for the same cause the four in Shelby county, the net Republican gain would be fiftyeight votes, showing Carpenter's election by 137 majority. No evidence was heard.

Officers of the Southern Prison. Special to the Indianapolis Journal.

JEFFERSONVILLE, Dec. 12 .- The board of directors of the Indiana State Prison, in session at the institution, to-day re-elected Capt. James B. Patten, warden; Willis W. Barnes, deputy warden; Maj. Richard Conner, clerk; H. L. Wolf, physician, and W. B. Barnhill, chaplain, The board prepared its annual report, which includes the annual reports of the chaplain and physician, and will forward the same to the Governor immediately. The business of the present session will be concluded to-morrow, when an adjournment will be taken until the next regular meeting.

Suit Against a Railroad.

special to the Indianapolis Journal WASHINGTON, Dec. 12.-To-day thirty suits. the claims for damages aggregating \$15,000, were brought against the Evansville & Indianapolis Railroad Company. The plaintiffs are thirty passengers of the road who wese detained all night while en route from Terre Haute, where they had been to see President and Mrs. Cleveland, in October, 1887. The plaintiffs charge the company with gross neglect.

Sudden Death of a Business Man.

Special to the Indianapolis Journal LAFAYETTE, Dec. 12 .- Consider Tinkler died suddenly at his home in Wea to-day. He had just taken a bath. He was born at Lundy's Lane, Canada, Nov. 3, 1819, and came here in 1844. He was a prominent grain dealer.

Fatal Fall from a Barn.

Special to the Indianapolis Journal. LAFAYETTE, Dec. 12 .- While painting a barn this afternoon, Blucher Miller fell from a scaffold a distance of twenty-seven feet, and died at 5 P. M. from the effects of the fall. He was twenty-seven years old and unmarried.

Fell Eighty-Two Feet from a Scaffold.

Special to the Indianapolis Journal. FORT WAYNE, Dec. 12 .- John Waldo fell eighty-two feet from a scaffold, to-day, and was killed. He was forty years old and leaves a

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family.

The barn, straw and hay stacks of M. W. Finley, near Summit, were burned on Tuesday. Loss over \$1,000. The hotel of J. A. Carroll, near Goshen, was burglarized, Monday night, of \$300 in money

and some silverware. New Albany is hopelessly in debt, and the council is trying to prevent the city from going into the hands of a receiver by reducing public

Mrs. Ellen Motweiler, one of the victims of the recent Floyd county tragedy, is still ments would be located on Seminary Ridge, in | living, but is suffering intensely. She canthe midst of the confederate lines than on the | not recover, as the brain continues to coze out of the wound in her head. Benson, the mur- | disappeared.

derer, will be confined in the Jeffersonville prison until his trial, owing to threats of lynch-

Mrs. James E. Roberts, of Connersville, is a daughter of the late Hon. Benjamin F. Claypool, and not Mrs. H. C. Meredith, of Wayne county, as stated yesterday.

George Groonendyke and Dick Stump, of Hartford City, were arrested on Monday night, while at church, on the charge of stealing two loads of wheat from William Carroll and Sydney R. Patterson.

E. R. Wythe, formerly justice of the peace of Riley township, was found lying in the rear of a Terre Haute saloon, on Tuesday, with his skull fractured. He died yesterday morning. Foul play is suspected.

Adam L. Kramer, an old soldier, employed as an engineer at the Kenower furniture factory, in Huntington, while engaged in oiling the journals of the machinery on Tuesday, fell into the pit in which the ponderous fly-wheel revolves, and was so horribly crushed that he died in two hours. He leaves a family.

Capitalists at Kokomo bave just organized a new bank, to be known as the First National Bank of Kokomo. The capital stock is \$100,000. George E. Bruner, assistant cashier of the First National Bank at Anthony, Kan., will be the eashier, and Richard Ruddell, president. The institution will open its doors about April 1.

The farmers of Montgomery and Tippecanoe counties on the line of the Insley-Bible ditch have settled the controversy over the affair by arbitration, the arbitrators being George Washburn, Capt. E. T. McClaskey and T. E. Bowles, of Montgomery county, and A. C. McCorkle, of Tippecanoe county. The case had been called in court, and by this adjustment much cost and trouble was saved. If it thad gone through the courts, it would have cost enough to have built several such ditches.

ILLINOIS.

Governor-Elect Fifer Selects One of His Stu dente as His Private Secretary.

Special to the Indianapolis Journal-MONTICELLO, Dec. 12 -- It is announced here that Governor J. W. Fifer has selected Capt. Charles F. Mansfield, of this county, for hi private secretary. Mr. Mansfield is a son of Gen. J. S. Mansfield, who was an intimate friend and counselor of Governor Oliver P. Morton, of Indiana, during the war, and for whom the city of Mansfield, this county, was named. Captain Mansfield studied law under Governor Fifer, at Bloomington, and is well qualified for the position.

Brief Mention

Henry Wanders fell into a vat of boiling water, at Beardstown, and was scalded to death. The McLean county board of supervisors has petitioned the Legislature to pass a law which shall prevent tax-dodging.

Monticelle will be no longer lighted by electricity, the company not finding sufficient pat tronage to keep up their works. Fire at Alido, on Tuesday morning, destroyed brick building belonging to Mrs. R. J.

Strothers and occupied by D. Carman, grocer. Adjoining buildings were considerably damaged. Loss, about \$6,000, nearly covered by insurance. At the meeting of the Macon county board of supervisors, on Tuesday, a resolution was presented favoring the enactment of a law making it obligatory on the part of the State to take

charge of all the insane cases now confined in

private and county asylums. The Rev. Mead Holmes, of Rockford, a Prohi bition alderman, whose vote decided the ques tion granting liquor licenses next year in the negative, was warned, on Tuesday night, by a note signed by "White Caps of Illinois," to resign within forty-eight hours, or be badly

CONCERNING TRUSTS.

Senate Committee Investigates the Wholesal Grocers' Association and Bagging Combine.

NEW YORK, Dec. 12.-The Senate trust com mittee resumed its session to-day in the count court-house. Mr. Francis B. Thurber, of the firm of Thurber, Whyland & Co., was the first witness. He said that the purpose of the Wholesale Grocers' Association was to maintain uniform prices by the wholesale dealers. The only articles in which any attempt had been made to fix rates were sugar, bakers' cocoa and Royal baking powder. The witness denied that the Wholesale Grocers' Association was formed to compel the members of the Sugar Trust to sell to the members of the grocers' association at less rates than were charged to merchants who were not members of the association. There was no understanding between the association and the trust in gard to purchasing from the trust rather than other refineries. The association desired to get prices which would pay for the cost of distribution. When the Grocers' Association was first organized they tried to inquee the manufacturers in the Sugar Trust to fix their prices so that all members of their association might be allowed a rebate, but were unsuccessful. Recently some of the members of the association had been able to make such an arrangement. Any member of the association was at liberty to buy from sugar manufacturers outside the Sugar Trust, and many members had done so. Wholesalers had often a special demand for a certain class of sugar, and as a consequence they had to buy from the manufacturers which suited them. When asked if there was a National Wholesale Grocers' Association, Mr. Thurber said there is not, but his belief was that before next year such an association would be formed. Mr. Thurber admitted that the chief reason for the formation or the grocers' association was to maintain uniform rates on sugar.

Mr. John Stanton, counselor and treasurer of the Lake Superior, Alloeuz and many other companies, was the next witness. He said that the company he represented made an agreement with the French copper syndicate, in April last, to furnish them with all the copper produced for the term of two years and eight months. The syndicate, he said, controlled the price and output. Mr. Charles Ralph, a copper broker, said that copper had been steadier in price since the establishment of the syndicare.

Mr. Appleton Sturgess, president of the Eagle Milling Company, of Brooklyn, next testified He is a manufacturer of bags. At first Mr. Sturgess was inclined to dispute the existence of a trust in bags. According to Mr. Sturgess it was only a "corper." He admitted that the manufacturers entered into a combination about the beginning of the year to buy up all the material for making bags that they could lay hold of at anything like reasonable prices, so that the manufacturers might obtain control of the market. They then, he said, prothe trust and succeeded in all but two instances. The two mills that refused to go into the trust were the Ludlow, Mass., Milling Company and the Columbus, Ga., Milling Company. Mr. Sturgess expressed the opinion that if the Mills tariff bill had gone into operation it would have closed every mill in the country. The dread of the Mills bill was the cause of the trust, because manufacturers sought to make as much money as they could before the Mills bill drove them out of existence; hence the "corner" or trust. The price was then immediately raised from 74 cents to 121 cents. The mills, of which there were about twenty-five, all, with the exception of about five of them, shut down when the combination was entered into so that they could raise the price to any figure they chose. There was nothing to prevent them from making the price 25c, but that they would not be able to find purchasers at that price. Mr. Sturgess, in answer to Senator Ives, said that there would be no trust possible with a reasonable rate of tax on the raw material.

P. J. Goodheart, a whisky-broker, said of the whisky or distiller's trust, that its headquarters or principal distillery is at Peoria, Ill., and the capital of the combination amounts to \$30 .-000,000. They had been paying from to 1 per cent, dividend, but being desirous of increasing their surplus stock, they have been paying | per cent. for some time back.

Business Embarrassments.

Secial to the Indianapons Journal MARTINSVILLE, Ind., Dec. 12 .- Wm. Repper. of Brooklyn, assigned to day for the benefit of oreditors. Mr. Renner was thought to have been conducting a successful business as a carriage manufacturer and implement dealer. Liabilities unknown; assets, nearly \$2,500. John F. Richardson is the assignee.

LITTLE ROCK, Ark., Dec. 12 .- A. Block's dry was closed by attachment yesterday evening. The liabilities are estimated at \$70,000, with

\$100,000 nominal assets. The liabilities of the Lincoln Mills and Stockfarm Company, operated six miles from Varner, Ark., and which made an assignment yesterday. are about \$65.000, and the assets are estimated at the same amount. Thirty thousand dollars are due preferred creditors in Little Rock. Fred Hanger, of Little Rock, has been appoint-

ed received. READING, Pa., Dec. 12 .- John W. Smith, a well-known grocer, has assigned. Smith has THE FEDERATION OF LABOR.

A General Feeling in Favor of Establishing a

Strike Fund. Sr. Louis, Dec. 12.—The American Federation of Labor resumed its session at Central Turner Hall at 9 o'clock this morning, President Gompers in the chair. It was found that the banquet of last night, which was rather a big affair, had kept many of the delegates from appearing promptly, and caused a delay in committee work, none of the committees appointed yesterday being ready to report. When the secretary's report was called for, that officer asked for additional time, which was granted.

O. R. Lake, of St. Louis, was then admitted as a delegate from the International Typographical Union, vice John Lawler.

The following were then appointed a special committee to report on that section of President Gompers's address referring to the eighthour law: John F. Kirchner, Wm. J. Dillon, Henry Emerich, Frank K. Foster, William Martin, Alex. Johnson and W. H. Kleiner.

of this committee, and the first warm debate of the meeting followed, a minority favoring the continuance of the work with the reports of committees and the secretary. Fnally a recess was taken until 2 P. M. At the afternoon session the first thing that was done was to read a communication from the

A motion to adjourn followed the appointment

sheet-iron and cornice-workers, of Kansas City, declaring their intention to immediately affiliate themselves with the federation. A communication was also read from the Oyster Dredgers' Union, of Baltimore, asking the federation's influence against the brutality of captains; also from the Denver Trades Assembly, asking the indorsement of Capt. William

M. Meredith, of Chicago, for the position of Publie Printer at Washington city. The treasurer submitted his report, showing cash, Dec. 1, 1887, was \$26.05; received during the year, \$4,512.55; expenses, \$3,931.67; balance on hand, \$604.95. Since the report was made up

about \$800 has been received by the treasurer. The committee on defense fund reported, favoring the levying of strike assessments on all affiliated unions. President Gompers took the floor in support of the report. He recommended that instead of taking the popular vote upon the question, it should be voted upon by unions as a body. This brought out the conditional point that the matter must be submitted to the individual members. After considerable debate, in which it was plain that the delegates were unanimously in favor of establishing a method of procuring strike funds from affiliiating unions, the subject-matter was referred back to the committee, as it had been amended so much that it was not in good shape.

The committee on organization reported favoring the appointment of organizers and the strengthening of the weaker unions. One delegate declared that there were 90,000 unorganized coal-miners in Pennsylvania, and that they were at the mercy of the employers. They should be solidly organized at once. The report also favors the amendment of the Constitution of the United States that national child labor and compulsory educational laws may be passed. This brought out a discussion which came near revealing the politics of every delegate present. The matter went over by default, discussion having revealed the fact that it was a rather comprehensive question, and matters of more immediate importance should first be considered.

The secretary then read a number of regrets, resolutions, etc., and they were referred to different committees. The delegates accepted an invitation to a ball to be given by the Carpenters' Union, of the city, on Friday night. Adjourned.

The Switchmen's Strike at Toledo. Tolebo, Dec. 12 -At 10 o'clock the strikers in the Penneylvania yards resumed work, having accepted a compromise whereby they receive the same wages as paid in the Wabash yards, which is less than that paid by the Lake Shore, This, apparently, would end the matter if it were not for the fact that the Wabash switchmen are holding out for the Lake Shore schedule, and though they are working to-day they are only waiting for the result of a conference with Receiver McNulta, General Superintendent Wade, and Assistant Superintendent G. W. Stevens, who are expected here to-night. The Cincinnati, Hamilton & Dayton men, who went out yesterday afternoon, are still firm in their demand for Lake Shore pay. The company is doing switching with one pony manned by Yardmaster Daly and two passenger conductors. The work in the Toledo & Ohio Central yards is progressing without interruption, and no trouble is anticipated. The Wheeling & Lake Erie men are working as usual, having accepted the scale adopted at the meeting of the superintendents on Monday. In case the Wabash men are granted the Lake Shore pay, it is suspected that the Pennsylvania switchmen will ask for a corresponding increase, when the real difficulty will begin.

At 3 o'clock this afternoon the switchmen in the Cincinnati, Hamilton & Dayton yards accepted a compomise, the management offering the same wages as received by the Wabash men, and resumed work. Whether the strike will go on depends on the outcome of the demand of the Wabash men, which will be considered tomorrow morning by Receiver McNulta. The Lake Shore switchmen received the highest wages paid here, and the Wabash men the next highest. The strike of the Pennsylvania and C., H. & D. men was for Lake Shore wages, but bash rates. The Wabash men struck for Lake Shore rates, but went back to work until the officials could get here and investigate the matter. If their advance is refused they will strike. If they get their advance it is probable the other switchmen will make this the ground for demanding Lake Shore rates, and will renew the

Status of the "Q" Strike. CHICAGO, Dec. 12.-Chairman Kavener, of the engineers grievance committee, arrived from San Francisco yesterday. He called upon the representatives of the switchmen's association. and learned for the first time that that organization had declared the old "Q" strike off. The engineers' committee was together all day, but did not take any official action or outline any plan. Kavener will make an energetic attempt to settle the strike. General Superintendent Besler, of the Burlington road, told the switchmen's committee that none of the present employes could be discharged to make room for them and that they could get back only as individuals. Referring to the report that the engineers might inaugurate another boycott, he said that he did not think they would attempt such a thing. The company has enough engineers and could only treat the old men-if the strike is declared off-the same as the

The "O" Strikers' Executive Committee. CHICAGO, Dec. 12 .- A meeting of the executive or strikers' committee, appointed during the late Burlington strike, took place here today. A full committee was present, with Michael Kavaner in the chair. Nothing of importance was transacted outside of a discussion of the ways and means by which the striking en-

gineers could obtain reinstatement by the "Q"

road. A committee is expected to be appointed

ployed as a body, but as individuals, and only as vacancies occurred. Action of the Coke-Workers. PITTSBURG, Dec. 12.-At a delegate meeting of the Connellsville coke-workers, at Everson, Pa., to-day, resolutions were adopted indorsing the National Assembly, Knights of Labor, and urging the miners to join the organization, as the dissensions between the two old associations

will be held to-morrow. No Pardon for Mackin.

CHICAGO, Dec. 12 .- A special to the Times from Springfield, Ill., says that Governor Oglesby has refused to pardon Joseph C. Mackin, who was sentenced, three years ago, to a fiveyears' term in the penitentiary for "fine work" and ballot-box frauds. His friends have been actively engaged, for some time past, in an endeavor to secure his pardon.

to Oberly. Special to the Indianapolis Journal

FORT WAYNE, Ind., Dec. 12.-Civil-service Commissioner Edgerton was shown the Washington dispatch in this morning's Indianapolis Journal, which stated that he would resign and that he had been an inefficient member of the commission. He attributes the matter that has been sent out in regard to his resignation to ex Commissioner Oberly, who resigned from the

to get back. He thinks that Oberly is trying to curry favor with General Harrison in order to be retained on the commission if put back. Mr. Edgerton said he knew enough of General Harrison to know that he would accept no advice from the Democratic administration or its friends.

THE FIRE RECORD.

Fire in the Chicago Opera-House-\$15,000 Damage by Water.

CHICAGO, Dec. 12 .- Just twenty minutes after

the auditorium of the Chicago Opera-house had been emptied of an immense audience, who had witnessed McCaull's Opera Company produce "Lorraine," a fire was discovered in the north east corner of the top gallery. It was first noticed by the employes, who were closing up the house for the night, and was located between the flooring of the top gallery and the ceiling of the family circle. An attempt was at once made to use the Babcocks and also the stand-pipes, and the result was simply to make the blaze grow in size. In this way, ten minutes' time was consumed, and when the firemen arrived they found the auditorium full of smoke and a small light seventy feet above them, which indicated the location of the fire. A second alarm was at once turned in, and the work of flooding the beautiful theater began. By midnight smoke was pouring from all the windows leading from the theater, and the big ten-story fire proof building presented the opportunities for a great fire. At 12:30 it appears that that the building and the theater both sustain the reputation of being "strictly fire-proof" and no damage will be sustained except by smoke and water. The latter has almost flooded the theater and the furniture, carpets and costly frescoes will prove a total loss. The ceilings have dropped, and it seems that nothing can be saved from the ravages of the water. The loss to the theater will be nearly \$15,000, and to the building which is used as an office-building above the theater, the loss cannot, at this writing, be estimated. The fire, it is claimed, was started by a defect ive calcium light. The members of the McCaull

company will lose nothing. At 1:15, this morning, the fire is under control. Its course was from the floor of the gallery to the sides of the auditorium, and from thence to the dome of the auditorium, where it was confined. The total loss to the Chicago Opera-house Company will be \$20,000.
David Henreson, the manager, is now in New York with the Crystal Slipper Company. Thomas Prior, the treasurer, said to an Associated Press reporter that the theater would be restored in three weeks. The origin of the fire is ascribed, upon a fuller investigation, to the breaking of a lantern used by a boy who was cleaning the theater after the performance. The oil in the lamp falling on the floor set it on fire, the boy being rescued with difficulty. A Disastrous Panic Averted by the Coolness

of a Part of the Audience. Oswego, N. Y., Dec. 12.-A large audience,

comprising the most prominent people of the city, assembled at the Academy of Music, this evening, to hear Mrs. Langtry in "As in a Looking-glass." As the curtain was about to descend on the last act there was an alarm of ffre from the rear of the hall, and almost immediately thick clouds of smoke puffed up through a large register in the main aisle. The audience arose panic-stricken, and surged toward the exits. People began climbing over seats and pressing toward the doors, and a frightful crush seemed imminent. At the first alarm the orchestra began playing, and several cool-headed men sprang upon the stage, shouted that there was no danger, and called upon the people to pass out quietly. Dozens of others mounted chairs in various parts of the room and urged the people to keep cool. This had a wonderful effect. The excited throng stopped and turned back for their wraps and rubbers. In two minutes the theater was cleared without accident, just as the flames sprang up through the floor, directly in front of the main entrance. The people who first went out turned in an alarm of fire, and the arrival of the firemen and of many friends of the people in the audience added greatly to the excitement. The fire was soon extinguished. It originated in an overheated furnace under the central aisle, near the main entrance. Mrs. Langtry retained her presence of mind, ordered the removal of her wardrobe, and left by way of a rear entrance, taking refuge in an adjacent restaurant.

streyed by fire at an early hour this morning. Eight patients were carried from the burning building on cots. The fire was caused by natural gas. The less was \$10,000. DAILY WEATHER BULLETIN.

Sanitarium Burned.

private hospital at Youngstown, O., was de-

PITTSBURG, Pa., Dec. 12.—The Sanitarium, a

Indications. WASHINGTON, Dec. 12.

For Indiana and Illinois-Light snow, followed on Thursday by fair; slightly warmer; variable winds. Local Weather Report. INDIANAPOLIS, Dec. 12. Time. | Bar. | Ther. | R. H. | Wind. | Weather | Pres

7 A. M... 30.16 24 78 Neast Fair. 2 P. M... 30.07 31 67 North Cloudy 7 P. M... 30.07 32 70 N'wst Cloudy T* Maximum thermometer, 33; minimum thermometer, 24. Traces of snow. Following is a comparative statement of the condition of temperature and precipitation on Dec. 12,

Normal.... Mean.... 0.00 Departure from normal...... -9
Total excess or deficiency since Dec. 1 -11 -0.11-0.82Total excess or deficiency since Jan. 1-890

General Observations. INDIANAPOLIS, Dec. 12-7 P. M. Bar- Thermometer. Preter. Exp. Min. Max tat'n

Charleston, S. C. 30.02 48 44 54 Cloudy to visit the Burlington officers. Superintendent Berler said to-day the men would not be re-em-
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T-Trace of precipitation. Note-One inch of

melted snow equals ten inches of snow. Severe Weather Predicted.

Sr. Louis, Dec. 12 .- Ira R. Hicks, of this city, who has achieved considerable fame as a goods and grocery store, at Texarkana, Ark., Commissioner Edgerton Pays His Respects | weather prophet, predicts that there will be severe storms and the coldest weather of the season within forty-eight hours, and that the period of the regular annual winter solstice storms, between the 15th and 25th instants, will extend the time of the disturbance. He also looks for a storm of exceptional intensity-a blizzard-perhaps on the 2d and 3d of January.

> A Sprig of Nobility Who Went Wrong. NEWARK, N. J., Dec. 12.-It has been settled beyond a doubt that Edward F. Honeywood, who was arrested in this city last night for commission some time since, and is now trying | forgery, is a son of Lady Honeywood, of Eng-

land. He claims he was sent to New Zealand to reform, and on his return to England he was kept by his brother, Sir John, until he got his share of the property (£15,000), which he soon squandered, and was then induced to come to America. Here he fell in love with Minnie Ayers, the girl for whom he committed the

TELEGRAPHIC BREVITIES.

Gas escaping from the mains on Matelot street. Quebec, exploded on Tuesday, Wrecking several houses and seriously injuring some of the inmates.

A rumor is current at Wilmington, Del., that the Diamond Match Company plant has been sold to a syndicate of capitalists. In the absence of President Swift nothing authentic is to be learned at the company's office.

Elzey Morton, a colored boy four years of age, was burned alive yesterday morning in a house in Northwest Baltimore. How the fire broke out it is imposaible to say, as the boy was the only occupant at the time. On Sunday night, at Martinsburg, W. Va., Joseph Lamp cut Jonathan Mason in the jugular vein, causing almost instant death. Both

were aged about eighteen years. Their quarrel grew out of a lawsuit between their parents. Fire broke out, Monday night, in Deputy Warden Keefe's quarters in the Dorchester, N. S., penitentiary, and the deputy warden was

suffocated before he could be rescued. His wife had a narrow escape. The prisoners' quarters were uninjured by the fire. Eber Durham, of Sadsburyville, Chester county, Pennsylvania, started a fire in a hollow tree near Leman Place, on Tuesday night, and

went to sleep. The fire burned through the

tree and it fell on him, crushing him to death. He was in search of work. The three dog-catchers who threw little Willie Maier into a dog-cage, at St. Louis recently. have been arrested. They are Robert Guerke, Michael Angelrodt and Edward Burke. The punishment for the crime with which they are charged is not more than ten nor less than two

years in the penitentiary. At Dayton, O., Tuesday, Emma Day shot and killed Herman F. Ruthmeyer, a young man from Cincinnati, who was trying to enter her house. She told the officers that she shot him in self-defense; that on Monday he had tried to kill her with a pocket-knife, for which she had him arrested. He gave bail, returned, and was

still trying to kill her. The will of Mahlon Sands, of New York, the patent medicine man who was killed by a fall from his horse in Rotten Row, London, which has been submitted to the surrogate for con struction, has been sustained. It disposes of several millions of dollars. His widow, Mary M. Sands, is a niece of Vice-President-elect Morton, who is one of the executors of the will. All of his children, except Mabel, a child by his first wife, whose mother provided for her, are well taken care of by the testator, as the property is equally divided among them.

Obituary. Special to the Indianapolis Journal

ELKHART, Ind., Dec. 12.-Mrs. Delos N Weaver, a prominent society lady and wife of Attorney Weaver, died here to day aged thirty

HAVANA, Dec. 12.-Senor Eugene Bernal, one of the founders of the two important cane grindng establishments near Nuevitas, died to-day. WASHINGTON, Dec. 12.-Chaplain George W. Dorrants, U. S. N., died yesterday, aged seventy-seven years. He participated in several naval engagements, and gained the name of "the fighting chaplain."

Mr. Newton Benedict, for many years passport clerk of the Department of State, died this

ANDERSON, Dec. 12 .- Madison county has lost one of its oldest pioneers by the death of Alanson E. Russell, who died Tuesday morning of paralysis of the brain. He settled at the fails, near Pendleton, at a very early day, and was the first mail-carrier in the county, his route being from Noblesville, in Hamilton county, to New Castle, in Henry county, and the road over which he rode was a "blazed" trail through the forest. Judge Martin L. Bundy, of the latter place, was a fellow mail-carrier with Mr. Russell. The deceased was the first man initiated into Odd-fellowship in Madison county. was second lieutenant of Company A, Fifth Indiana Cavalry, and a member of Major May Post, G. A. R., of this city.

A Freight Blockade.

ERIE, Pa. Dec. 12.-The eastern division of the Lake Shore & Southern railroad, that is, that part of it between Erie and Buffalo, is blockaded with New York Central freight. This morning orders were issued to hold the balance of the incoming freight. There are 3,000 cars of freight between here and Buffalo, Railroad men say the New York Central's motive power is not sufficient to take the volume of freight

from the Lake Shore.

End of the Yellow Fever Season. JACKSONVILLE, Fla., Dec. 12.-About 200 refugees came in on the Northern and Western trains to-day, and many are expected on Saturday. At a meeting of the board of health to-day the following was adopted: Resolved. That inasmuch as there has not been a

case of yellow fever reported for the past seven days within the corporation limits of Jacksonville, the daily bulletins will be discontinued from this date.

Steamship News. COPENHAGEN, Dec. 12.-Arrived: Hekla, from New York. PHILADELPHIA, Dec. 12.-Arrived: Lord Gough, from Liverpool. London, Dec. 12. -Off Browhead: Pennsylvania, from New York. New York, Dec. 12.-Arrived: Nevada, from

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